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SUBJECT: CONCLUSIONS OF FRG FOOD LAW LEGISLATURE AFTER  
U.S. VISIT

REF: (A) BONN 2906 OF MARCH 2, 1972; (B) TOFAS 276 OF  
OCTOBER 25, 1973

1. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED WITH BUNDESTAG FOOD  
HEALTH COMMITTEE LEGISLATORS THEIR RECENT VISIT TO THE  
U.S. PRIOR TO RESUMING LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON THE NEW  
GERMAN FOOD LAW. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE APPROVED  
USE OF CERTAIN HORMONES IN U.S. MEAT PRODUCTION, CITING  
LIVERS SPECIFICALLY, THAT THEY MAINTAIN WOULD RESULT IN  
UNAVOIDABLE RESIDUES IN VIOLATION OF THE STRICT PROHIBI-  
TION AGAINST HORMONE USE IN GERMANY.

2. THE LEGISLATORS WERE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT IN THE  
ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC U.S. EXPORT INSPEC-  
TION/CONTROL PROGRAMS, PRODUCTS SHIPPED TO GERMANY DID  
NOT GENERALLY MEET U.S. FOOD LAWS. THUS, IN THEIR VIEW,  
THE ONLY IMMEDIATE MEANS OF INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH  
GERMAN REQUIREMENTS WAS AN EXPORT CERTIFICATION WITH EACH  
FOOD LOT STATING THAT IT MEETS ALL REPEAT ALL GERMAN  
FOOD LAWS.

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3. THE LEGISLATORS WERE HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY OF THE PROGRAM SELECTED FOR THEM AND THE FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF ANY SUBJECT IN WHICH THEY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BE PROVIDED WITH RESPONSE TO LEGISLATORS' MISCONCEPTION DESCRIBED PARA 2 INCLUDING DATA ON EXPORTS ALLOWED WITH IMPORTING COUNTRY APPROVAL.  
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